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FONOFF OFFICIAL THIS MORNING TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT  
STEEL GAVE VON BRENTANO COPY BRITISH MEMORANDUM UNDER  
INSTRUCTIONS. FONOFF OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT IN VIEW  
CRITICISMS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE OF MEMORANDUM, GERMANS  
MIGHT HEAR OF IT AND THINK "WE WERE UP TO SOMETHING",  
IF IT WERE NOT SHOW TO THEM.

STEELS REPORT OF MEETING WITH VON BRENTANO (REFTEL)  
CONCLUDED AS FOLLOWS: "MY FEELING FROM THIS FIRST  
SERIOUS ENCOUNTER IS THE GERMANS ARE GOING TO BE EXTREMELY  
DIFFICULT TO MOVE AND IF FEEL PRETTY SURE CHANCELLOR  
WILL BE SUSPICIOUS OF US IN PARTICULAR. FOR THIS PROPOSE  
A SHORT MESSAGE FROM PM CONTAINING ENCOURAGEMENT AND  
REASSURANCE OF OUR INTENTION TO STAND BY HIM MIGHT BE  
VERY USEFUL".

ENBOFF POINTED OUT THAT STATEMENT IT WOULD BE "EXTREMELY  
DIFFICULT TO MOVE" GERMANS SEEMD TO IMPLY INTENTION TO  
MOVE THEM IN DIRECTION OF UK MEMORANDUM, WHICH WOULD  
IMPLY THAT UK MEMORANDUM REPRESENTED HMG POSITION.

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CONTRARY TO WHAT LLOYD TOLD AMBASSADOR WHITNEY (EMBT  
2752). FONOFF OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT UK HAD NO INTENTION  
TRYING TO MOVE GERMANS IF US DID NOT APPROVE. WHEN EMBOFF  
INQUIRED IF THIS COULD BE ACCEPTED ASSURANCE, FONOFF  
OFFICIAL ASSENTED.

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STEEL HAS QUERIED FONOFF ABOUT WHERE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD  
BE HELD, AND FONOFF HAS REITERATED STRONG PREFERENCE  
FOR HOLDING THEM IN BONN.

FONOFF OFFICIAL STATED LEGAL EXPERTS "UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED"  
US POSITION THAT NON RECOGNITION GDR ESSENTIAL TO WESTERN  
LEGAL POSITION IN BERLIN. EMBASSY WILL REPORT MORE FULLY  
ON THIS POINT LATER.

JEBB HAS REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH COUVE NOVEMBER 20  
IN WHICH LATTER SAID THAT ON REFLECTION HE THOUGHT THERE  
WAS SOMETHING IN AMERICAN CRITICISM OF UK MEMORANDUM,  
WHICH VIEW SHARED BY HIS WORKING LEVEL. HE SAID THAT  
IT WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT DILEMMA POSED IN UK MEMORANDUM  
WOULD ACTUALLY BE PRESENTED TO US.

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